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## Officers Again Look For Payne In This County

Federal Agents Made Surprise Call At Suspected Hide-Out Of Payne Near Supply Christmas Evening

Another Search Made Near Raleigh

Officers Continue Intensive Search For Payne And Turner, And Every New Clue Tracked To Earth

It would require a magic carpet to convey Bill Payne to all places he has been reported during the past ten days, but nevertheless each clue has been tracked down by Federal Agents who are now cooperating in the drive to capture North Carolina's No. 1 desperado.

While others in the county engaged in a Christmas evening, Federal G-men descended upon the supposed hide-out of Payne and his confederates near Supply, but the visit was fruitless.

The following morning they surrounded the Breakers Hotel, at Wilmington Beach, but that trip too was unproductive.

Another scene of the Christmas search for Payne was Wake county, where the leading public enemy of this state was reported seen at a tourist camp Friday night.

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## Mrs. Mary Curtis Ward Is Laid To Rest At Antioch

Mrs. Mary Curtis Ward, Of Bolivia, Was Well Known Throughout Brunswick County As Active Missionary Society Worker



MRS. MARY C. WARD

### ASSOCIATION HAS HONORED MRS. WARD

Death Occurred Sunday And Funeral Services Were Conducted Monday Afternoon At Antioch

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Curtis Ward, beloved resident of Bolivia, were conducted Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Antioch Baptist church by her pastor, the Reverend E. W. Pate, who was assisted by the Reverend A. L. Brown and the Reverend B. R. Page.

The body was laid to rest in the church cemetery. Mrs. Ward, who died at her home Sunday, lived a long and useful life in this county, and numbered among her most noteworthy accomplishments was her leadership of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society during the early days of its existence.

On numerous occasions she was honored by the Brunswick Baptist Association for her fine work.

She was the widow of the late David Ward. One son, Carl Ward, survives. In addition there are four grandchildren: A. H. Ward, Jr., Lois Mae, Carl and Dorothy Lee Ward.

## January Term Of Civil Court Begins Monday

Jude E. H. Cranmer, Who Traded Terms With Judge N. A. Sinclair, Will Preside Over Regular Term

### FEW IMPORTANT CASES SCHEDULED

Headlining The Court Calendar Are Six Divorce Actions Scheduled For Trial During Term Next Week

The January term of Brunswick county Superior court for the trial of civil cases will convene here Monday, with Judge E. H. Cranmer as presiding jurist. Judge Cranmer traded terms with Judge N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville, who was scheduled to hold this term of court here.

## Russ Completes Special Course

C. C. Russ, Elected Last Fall To Succeed Frank M. Sasser As Welfare Officer, Is Back On Duty

C. C. Russ, elected last fall to succeed Frank M. Sasser as Brunswick county superintendent of public welfare, has completed a special training course at the University of North Carolina and is back in Southport to assume active control of the local welfare organization.

Mr. Russ was in school during the past quarter taking a special course in the administration of the various features of the Social Security program.

Mr. Russ has moved his family to Southport, and they are living in the Lottie Mac Newton home on Bowery Hill.

## APPOINTED



JOE W. RUARK

## Ruark Receives An Appointment

Joe W. Ruark, Of Southport, Has Been Appointed To Social Security Board, And Is Attending Training School

Joe W. Ruark, Judge of the Brunswick county Recorder's court and prominent Southport lawyer, has received an appointment as special attorney for the Social Security board, and is in Raleigh this week attending a training school designed to thoroughly acquaint him with the duties of his new office.

It is understood that the work that he will be engaged in will be the adjustment of claim disputes in connection with Social Security payments. Two districts, one with headquarters in Wilmington and the other with headquarters in Williamston, are vacant. It is not known to which of districts Mr. Ruark will be assigned.

## Review Of Work In 1937 Given

Dairy Specialist At State College Makes Complete Review Of The Achievements Made In Past Year

On the valuable pieces of work carried on by Extension dairymen in 1937 was pastured development, John A. Arey, in charge of dairy extension at State College, said in reviewing the past twelve months.

At the beginning of the year, extension dairy specialists, working through county agents, planned 550 pasture demonstrations, including both temporary and permanent pastures. These demonstrations were distributed throughout the State.

Reports to date indicate that this number has not only been reached, but probably doubled, Arey declared. This project will be continued and pushed through 1938.

In commenting on 4-H calf club work during 1937, Arey said that at the beginning of the year, it was planned to have 935 calf club members. This goal was reached and passed.

The 4-H calf show at the annual State Fair was the largest and best in quality ever shown in the State, Arey said. In addition to this, 17 county and district calf club shows were held in which extension dairymen assisted.

Another important project in which progress was made in 1937 was dairy herd improvement association work. Arey pointed out. During the year, one new association was formed, bringing the State total to 9. There were more herds and 406 more cows on test at the close of 1937 than at the beginning. This brought the total cows on tests to 4795.

Arey also said that dairy extension specialists assisted in placing 217 purebred animals which will be used in developing purebred herds.

## Inquiry About Nautical Visitors

Recent inquiries from Miami, Fla., directed to the Civic Club, indicate that they now have the greatest fleet of pleasure craft that has been assembled in the Bay of Biscayne. The inquiries were to ascertain how many of the craft had stopped there this fall. It was assumed that a great many that had passed here were still somewhere down the coast, not yet having reached Florida.

## America Looking For Jap Faith

Washington Officials Regard Panay Incident As Closed Satisfactorily

Washington, Dec. 26—The United States government looked to Japan today to make good its written guarantee that hereafter Japanese military expeditions would observe the inviolability of American life and property in the China war zone.

Barring some new "incident", it was believed generally that Secretary Hull's note of last night to the Japanese foreign minister terminated the international affair which grew out of the bombing of the gun-boat Panay.

Hull told Minister Koki Hirota that the United States regarded the Japanese guarantee as "responsive" to American demands. Senator Borah (R-Idaho), veteran member of the Senate foreign relations committee, said today:

"This would seem to close the incident—depending, of course, on whether these assurances have been made in good faith."

Officials were prepared to watch future events carefully to see whether actions of the Japanese military squared with the language of the Japanese diplomats.

It was noted that Hull's message concluded with expressions of "earnest hope" that steps taken by Japan would prove effective toward preventing "unlawful interference" with American or American interests.

## SMALL BOY DIES NEAR OLD DOCK

Albert Franklin Marlowe, 8, Died At The Home Of His Parents On Friday

Albert Franklin Marlowe, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Marlowe, of Old Dock, died at the home of his parents Friday following a brief illness.

The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at three o'clock from the Shiloh Methodist church, and were in charge of the former pastor, Reverend C. N. Phillips. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

Fallbearers were: Wilbour Haynes, Lerah Simmons, Royton Suggs, Hassie Haynes, Fred Suggs, and Mose Etheridge.

TEACHERS AWAY Practically all the members of the Southport school faculty spent the Christmas holidays away from here.

## E. R. Weeks Will Take Over Duties With City

Resigns As Member Of Board Of Aldermen To Assume Position As Tax Collector For City Of Southport

J. E. CARR IS THE RETIRING OFFICER

He Has Bought The Hornsby Insurance Agency And Will Manage It In Addition To Building And Loan

E. R. Weeks, who recently was elected to replace J. E. Carr as city tax collector, will take over the duties of that office Saturday. Mr. Weeks will resign as a member of the local board of aldermen, which for three years he has served as Clerk.

Mr. Carr tendered his resignation as tax collector to the board last month with the announcement that after the first of the year he was going into private business.

He has purchased the B. M. Hornsby Insurance Agency, and will assume its active management. Mr. Carr says that he plans to move the insurance office into the same building with



E. R. WEEKS

the Building and Loan office. The two businesses will be operated entirely independent of each other, he says.

## Many Persons Cooperate In Decoration Program

### BOY INJURED BY BIG FIRECRACKER

Sam Robbins, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Robbins, of Washington, was painfully but not seriously injured Friday when he attempted to stop the explosion of a large firecracker he had unintentionally ignited.

The lad was playing with his sister, Alma, and his first cousin, Eloise St. George. The two little girls got in an automobile and locked the door. When they wouldn't open the door the boy put a firecracker in the door handle and threatened to blow it open. Carrying his joke still further Sam made two or three apparent attempts to light the fuse. The last time he came too close, and the fuse ignited. Realizing the danger for the girls, he rushed up and grabbed the explosive to tear it off the car, and as he did so it went off. Four stitches were required to close a gash he received on his face.

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Prize for the best decorated living Christmas tree went to Mrs. H. W. Hood; for the prettiest porch tree to Mrs. C. E. Ruark; and for the most effective house decoration to Miss Elizabeth Taylor.

From the following list of trees and decorations that were still lit Monday night it is possible to get a fair idea of the manner in which Southport citizens joined in the lighting program:

The following had living trees: Mrs. H. W. Hood, Miss Margaret Parkhill, the Molliechecks, Mrs. R. W. Davis, Mrs. Harold St. George, Mrs. E. M. Hall, Willie Cooker, Miss Vera Swain, Mrs. W. G.

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## Captain Bower Makes Good Haul

Not having any crew last Thursday, Captain H. T. Bower went out shrimping alone. He purchased \$4.00 worth of gasoline before starting. One drag netted him a pretty good catch of shrimp and another that was brought up soon afterwards was too heavy for him to get aboard alone. He towed his net to the beach and finally managed to get the catch aboard.

It sold for \$56.95. Deducting the \$4.00 that he had paid for gas and still having much of this in his tank, he netted \$52.95 for the four hours he was absent from port.

## Southport Postoffice Was Very Busy Place Last Week

From the viewpoint of observers, Southport never has had as great a volume of Christmas mail as passed through the office last week and the week preceding.

The volume of Christmas cards was especially heavy. There were no regular hours for putting mail in boxes. Long after the incoming mail had been received and letters and newspapers had been placed in their boxes the postoffice force worked tirelessly at handling the great stacks of Christmas cards to patrons at the windows, or distributing them in boxes. It was an eleven or twelve hour stretch of continuous distribution, during which the faithful workers hardly had time off for meals.

The local office had no extra help. This probably accounted for the fact that very few, if any, errors occurred in the way of wrong mail being placed in boxes. At the same time, the handling of the record breaking volume of business so efficiently speaks volumes for every worker in the office.

Uncle Jim, the janitor and general factrum, worked tirelessly cancelling the many thousands of pieces of outgoing mail, placing them in their proper packages and bags, starting everything right on its journey to a waiting recipient at some other hurried post office. When the mail came in he was right there with the opening of all bags, placing everything on the distributing table and expediting the work of the other employees.

## Tour Of Town Monday Night Reveals Variety Of Beautiful Christmas Decorations At Homes

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## Prettiest Living Tree Is In H. W. Hood Yard; Mrs. C. G. Ruark Has Prettiest Porch Tree In City

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## Intangible Tax To Greet Payers At First Of Year

Income Tax Blanks To Be Accompanied By Abstracts For Intangibles, Revenue Department Discloses

### DEPARTMENT MAKING SOME NEW VENTURES

Classification Of Property By State Inaugurated With Taking Over Of Intangible Private Property Taxation

Raleigh, Dec. 26—North Carolina will have a surprise when they receive their income tax blanks in January—an abstract for listing intangible property, being taxed for the first time by the state.

The abstracts will mean a new job for the state department of revenue—that of bringing into taxable light all intangibles in the state and collecting the varying levies on each class.

Like the income tax, the levies on intangibles will be due by March 15.

Taxation of intangibles is one phase of the state's latest taxation experiment. Another phase is the classification of property for taxation. For the state tax, intangibles have been divided into seven classifications, each with a different tax rate and a different manner of collection.

After December 31, the counties in the state no longer will be allowed to tax intangibles. All returns will be made, to the state, which intends, however, to share its collections with the counties and cities.

Half of the estimated revenue of \$2,000,000 a year from taxation of intangibles will be divided among the counties according to collections from each of them. In turn, the county's allotment will be divided among cities and towns according to population.

For the elucidation of puzzled taxpayers, the revenue department has prepared a 16-page booklet listing rules and regulations governing the administration and application of the state's intangible personal property taxes.

## Urge Estimates On All Timbers

R. W. Graeber, Extension Forester, Says Accurate Estimate Of The Number Of Cords Of Pulpwood Cut Is Of Value

An accurate estimate of the number of cords of pulpwood stumpage which can be cut from an area may save considerably more than the cost of the estimate, says R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State College.

While it is generally advisable to sell pulpwood on the basis of the number of cords actually cut, Graeber says that in some cases it may be necessary to make advance estimates of production.

The State College forester quotes the Forest Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture as saying that an estimate or cruise should be made by a competent estimator on any tract of more than 80 acres if there is a good stand of timber about ten cords or more per acre.

On a small tract, the estimating can be done at the same time the trees are marked. With a small brush and a can of white paint, each tree to be cut can

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## Little Bits Of Big News

News Events Of State, Nation and World-Wide Interest During Past Week

## Murders Mother

In one of Cumberland County's grimest tragedies, Mrs. Nannie Belle Martin Fisher, 49, is dead, apparently at the hand of her own son, and the son, Carl Chastine Weeks, 29, is a suicide. Weeks pulled both triggers of a double-barrelled shotgun and blew his head off about noon Tuesday when officers sought to question him several hours after his mother's home on the Cedar Creek Road was burned and her body was found in the ruins, with her skull fractured.

## Like Father

Ralph Gardner, 26-year-old Yale law student, set a political course for himself Tuesday like that followed by his father, former Governor O. Max Gardner. Young Gardner announced at Shelby that he would be a candidate next summer for the State Senate, and that he had arranged with Yale authorities for a 30-day leave of absence just before the primary for campaign purposes.

His father, now a Washington attorney, served in the Senate from this district and later was Lieutenant Governor before he became Governor. The present Governor, Clyde R. Hoey, is an uncle of young Gardner.

## Widespread Interest In Big Game Fishing Future

Not the least indicative of the general interest that is being aroused in distant states by last summer's disastres by lost summer's disastres of the abundance of big game fish off Southport, near the Gulf Stream, are the many letters being received by the Civic Club.

It is not the season of the year for much interest to be felt in fishing, yet residents of several northern and eastern states have written recently inquiring as to the fish. Many of them go further and say that if Southport has the fish it is sitting pretty to become the great mid-way sport fishing center between New York and Florida.

Many northern and eastern sportsmen unable to make the distant trip to Florida,

### BUSINESS SECTION MAKES IMPROVEMENT

Judged on the basis of improvement made during 1937 in the business section the past year was a good one for Southport.

Mack's Cafe has opened up in one of the vacant buildings; the Specialty Shop has moved into an attractive reconditioned building; Rogers Shoe Shop moved into the old Hood building, and has been repaired and painted.

Galloway's clothing store is another addition, and this business will move next week into the building on Moore street now occupied by Hornsby Insurance Agency.

Jones Ward, former Camp Sapona enrollee, also entered the business field here during the past year.

## Traffic Cases Tried In Court

Most Of Matters Disposed Of Here In Recorder's Court Last Wednesday Were For Traffic Violations

Trial of case growing out of traffic violations featured activity of the Brunswick county Recorder's court here last Wednesday.

Alton Clemmons, white, pleaded guilty to charges of reckless operation. He was given 6 months on the roads, was ordered to make restitution to the prosecuting witness and pay the cost of the action. His driver's license was revoked for a period of one year, and he was paroled into the custody of Harvey Hewitt.

Tom Long, white, was found not guilty of trespass.

Benjamin Davis, colored, was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He was given 30 days on the roads, and his license was revoked for a period of 90 days.

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## Teachers Away

Practically all the members of the Southport school faculty spent the Christmas holidays away from here.